

PATENT 030571

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Art Unit:

Examiner:

In re application of

Diggle et al.

Serial No.: 10/718,460

Filed: November 20, 2003

DEVICE FOR GUIDING A BLADE

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

December 12, 2003

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Commissioner:

Applicants, in accordance with the duty of disclosure pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, hereby advise the United States Patent and Trademark Office of the references listed on the accompanying Form PTO/SB/08 *Information Disclosure Statement by Applicant* (substitute for Form 1449A/PTO). A copy of each of the cited non-patent references is herewith enclosed.

Express Mail Number ER524417695US

Date of Deposit December 12, 2003

I hereby certify that this paper or fee is being deposited with the United States Postal Service "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" service under 37 CFR 1.10 on the date indicated above and is addressed to the complissioner for Patents, P. O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

Applicants note that although the cited references may be relevant to the examination of the above-referenced application, under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(h), the filing of this *Information*Disclosure Statement by Applicant "shall not be construed to be an admission that the information cited in the statement is, or is considered to be, material to patentability as defined in § 1.56(b)."

Applicants further note that the filing of this *Information Disclosure Statement by Applicant* is not an admission that the references cited herein constitute prior art under 35 U.S.C. §§ 102-103 with respect to the captioned application.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(1), Applicants submit that no fee is necessary for consideration of this *Information Disclosure Statement by Applicant* because this *Information Disclosure Statement by Applicant* has been filed within three months of the filing date of the above-identified application. Nevertheless, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additionally required fees deemed necessary for consideration of this *Information Disclosure Statement by Applicant* to Account No. 11-1110.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark A Nuzzo

Registration No. 53,396

KIRKPATRICK & LOCKHART LLP Henry W. Oliver Building 535 Smithfield Street Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15222-2312 Customer No. 26285

Telephone: (412) 355-6292 Facsimile: (412) 355-6501 e-mail: mnuzzo@kl.com

PTO/SB/08A (10-01)

Approved for use through 10/31/2002. OMB 0651-0031 U.S. Patent and Trademark Office: U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number

	Complete if Known			
Substitute for form 1449A/PTO	Application Number	10/718,460		
	Filing Date	November 20, 2003		
INFORMATION DISCLOSURE	First Named Inventor	Diggle		
STATEMENT BY APPLICANT	Art Unit			
	Examiner Name			
(use as many sheets as necessary)				
Sheet 1 of 2	Attorney Docket Number	030571		

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS					
Initials* No 1	Cite	Document Number	Publication Date	Name of Patentee or	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where
	Number - Kind Code ² (if known)	MM-DD-YYYY	Applicant of Cited Document	Relevant Passages or Relevar Figures Appear	
	_				

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS							
Examiner Cite No.1		Foreign Patent Document		Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear	T⁰	
		Country Code ³ -Number ⁴ -Kind Code ⁵ (<i>if known</i>)	Publication Date MM-DD-YYYY				
	<u> </u>						
	ļ <u>.</u>			V*. 40*			
			1				
						1	

Examiner	Date	
Signature	 Considered	

Burden Hour Statement: This form is estimated to take 2.0 hours to complete. Time will vary depending upon the needs of the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you are required to complete this form should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, Washington, NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, DC 20231.

PI-1093770 v1 0224285-0367

^{*}EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

¹ Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). ² See Kinds Codes of USPTO Patent Documents at www.uspto.gov or MPEP 901.04. ³ Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter code (WIPO Standard ST.3). ⁴ For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. ⁵ Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST. 16 if possible. ⁶ Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

PTO/SB/08B (10-01)

Approved for use through 10/31/2002. OMB 0651-0031

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office: U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a

					Valid OND CONTROL Humbe	
			Complete if Known			
Substitute for f	form 1449A/PTO			Application Number	10/718,460	
				Filing Date	November 20, 2003	
INFOR	RMATION DIS	CLO	SURE	First Named Inventor	Diggle	
STATEMENT BY APPLICANT		Art Unit				
				Examiner Name		
(use as	s many sheets as	nece	ssary)			
Sheet	2	of	2	Attorney Docket Number	030571	

		NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS	
Examiner Initials*	Cite No.1	Include name of the author (in CAPITAL LETTERS), title of the article (when appropriate), title of the item (book, magazine, journal, serial, symposium, catalog, etc.), date, page(s), volume-issue number(s), publisher, city and/or country where published	T ²
		U.S. Patent Application filed December 4, 2003.	
		Express Mail Label No. EU990163769US.	
		Attorney docket No. 030575.	i
			1
	+		-
	1		
			1
	 		+-
Examiner		Date	

Examiner	Date	
Signature	Considered	

Burden Hour Statement: This form is estimated to take 2.0 hours to complete. Time will vary depending upon the needs of the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you are required to complete this form should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, Washington, DC 20231. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, DC 20231.

^{*}EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

¹ Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional). ² Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.